Seminar

Improving Mental Health in the Egyptian Community. Challenges and opportunities.

April 7, 2016, 9:00 AM

Venue: Holiday Inn (former Sofitel), Maadi, 11431 Cairo Egypt Grand Ball Room GBR

Representatives of governmental health services, along with national and international civil society organizations providing psychosocial services are invited to share their experience on the topic of:

Actions to improve access to mental health services for general population, including most at risk groups, in the context of the decentralization of mental health services.

The event is intended to contribute to the dialogue between governmental and non-governmental actors over the issue of mental health care in Egypt. Discussion will focus on the following dimensions of the subject

- Access to mental health services for general population, including most at risk groups
- From the mental health hospital to community mental health. Where are we **now?**

Médecins du Monde (MdM) is an international impartial and non-governmental medical organization with headquarter in Paris. MdM is engaged in providing medical and psychosocial support to marginalized populations in Egypt since 2004.

This event is part of the project "Improvement of Access to Mental Health Services among most at risk populations in Great Cairo", funded by Drosos Foundation. Through this project, started in mid-2014, MdM provides training, on the job support, anti-stigma and health education activities for the health and psychosocial staff of nine primary health centers in Cairo and four NGOs working with most at risk populations.

The overall goal of the project is the improvement of access to mental health services for general population, as well as marginalized groups (women victims of violence, people living with HIV, children with disabilities, children in street situations).

Agenda

9:00 – 9:30	**Registration and welcome coffee**
9:30 – 10:30	**Opening**
	Welcome to participants - Médecins du Monde / Drosos Foundation
	Problem review and objectives of the day Clara Di Dio - MdM General Coordinator in Egypt
10:30 – 12:00	**Mental Health and Primary Health Care – Where are we know?**
10:30 – 11:00	**Implementation of mental health in primary health centers from theory to reality** Sally Toma Moore - MdM Medical Coordinator
11:00 – 11:30	**Positioning the Mental Health file in primary healthcare settings** Dr Mona Hafez - Director of Children with Special Needs General Directorate, Ministry of Health
11:30 – 12:00	**Mental Health Referral Services**
12:00 – 12:30	Coffee Break
12:30 – 2:30	**Mental Health and psychosocial services for most at risk populations**
12:30 - 1	**Obstacles to Access to Mental Health Services for most at risk populations (MdM Social Research)** – Marta Agosti Researcher SOAS University of London
1:00 – 2:00	**The stigma of mental illness, the role of media/how can we turn media from enemy to ally?**
2:00 -2:30	**Women, domestic violence and psychosocial support -** Azza Soliman, Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance CEWLA
2:30 – 3:00	**Closing discussion**
3:00	**LUNCH**

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